Dear Jim,

3/12/75

By letting some packages go for the morning I've finally gotten down to your 3/6 but not yet to the interesting-looking disclosures. This has been a telephone day! Many and long calls, some promising.

One off the bat will interest you. The FBI is going to show me some spectro stuff Friday morning. Until I'm there I'll not know what. They've indicated to Lesar that they'll give me "some." Sufficient unto the day...

They've declined my request that we both tape our conversation.

We'll see how it goes. I expect they'll not produce the single document or series of documents I've asked for.

Unless the substitutes tell me the same I'll not settle. Lesar knows this and agrees we give them a chance to do it their way.

But from any perspective, even if a trap, a move forward.

I have a notion there would not today be an unwillingness for it to come apart if it came apart their way. Different "theirs," different ways preferred.

Reur analysis Deep Throat Jr.: silence since.

Lonnie is due tomorrow with a copy of O'Toole's book, their puffery and a tape of the entire press conference for me.

Having read The Capitol Hill Affair, I'm more satisfied that it is probable Leigh James is Hunt. Too much similarity in self-disclosures, cliches, etc. Otherwise agreed.

I was quite surprised to learn that there really is a Jack Pearl. Did check it out because I felt exactly as you do. He is much better than a Hunt and that was a much better book than any of Hunt's. I have it. That he is real does not mean he is unsponsored.

I did miss the other UPO story in the issue from which I sent you the dupe on Valentine' story. Will goes over the paper with more care. When she is deep in taxes I merely skim heads and that too fast.

Balt. Sunday Sun plans mag piece on me and new book, they told me today. That book can use help. The older ones are selling better than in recent years. I'm going to have to worry about how to finance reprinting one before long! PW in shortest supply. Also the one for which I've not paid the printer.

SFChron's 2/24 condensation of Franklin's piece omits nothing important and I've filled you in on subsequent developments.

I'm doing what I can stop easily because I expect a callback from Kevin. He may have a hot one from Dept. Disinformation, N.O. branch, 1967. Guy claims was Agency operative and I've given Art basis for questioning and a method of seeing how it could be true and if so how to establish it. Could be the first to get Garrison chasing a goose thinking it was a fox: initial misdirection. Art understood it and I'm hopeful he can get definitive answers. I later though I had more and found it. Went by name David Lewis/ When Art calls I'm going to bed. Lonnie tomorrow, FBU next day and McKinley weekend. Full social/work life!

Glad to get Colby's redefinition of "national security:" Let all the rest of the world know but not our own people. SFChron 2/21 on keeping Agee's book out of country. Wild!